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Dear Parents,

Math team come from behind victory

After 2 events, the Raider math team found itself in 4th place, 20 points behind the leader, Kamehameha. But a perfect score from Jason Cho '18 and solid mathematics from the rest of the team wiped out the deficit, and the Raiders won meet 5 (held at Pearl City) by 33 points. Our team amassed 221 points to [Kamehameha's 188](#), Punahou's 174, Roosevelt's 151 and McKinley's 143. Our other team members were Seobeen Chang '20, Chenyi Hu '19, Haeri Kim '20, Norton Kishi '18, Brandon Lai '20, Ian Oga '18, Joshua Park '21, Roy Song '19 and Jonah Yoshida '21. A big mahalo to coaches Alan Yeh, Kathy Nirei, Lance Takeuchi, Erin Nagoshi and Ryan Sasaki and Michael Park.



Both teams have a comfortable lead in the overall standings with 2 meets to go. Meet 6 will be held at 'Iolani School on March 17.



Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Oahu Math League President Lance Suzuki recognizes a coach who has worked with students for many years. This month's honoree is Michael Park who has been coaching for over 30 years. After receiving his lei and a certificate Michael treated everyone to a nose flute rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game".

Debate Tournament

The 'Iolani Speech and Debate Team spent this past weekend competing in the 'Iolani Debate Qualifying Tournament hosted at 'Iolani School. Eight students qualified for the state tournament.



The team placed first in the tournament sweepstakes. Maria Stevenson '19 and Samuel Rivers '19 placed first in Advanced Public Forum Debate. Jinny Wang '19 and Sage Kanemaru '20 placed second in Beginning Public Forum Debate. In Lincoln Douglas Debate, Matthew Sohn '19 placed first and Erica Li '19 placed third. In Policy Debate, Daniel Brigoli '18 and Winston Wei '18 placed first, Daniel Uyeda '20 and Landon Wong '18 placed third, and Linda Tao '19 and Cady Abe '18 placed fourth. Congratulations to all of our competitors! The team is grateful for the support of teachers, staff, and volunteer judges in helping them to be both successful hosts and competitors.

Lower School Mural Project

The Lower School Mural was an opportunity to turn the wall protecting campus from the construction site into an artistic endeavor about our environment. [Here is a short video about the project](#)

Teachers worked to tie together the mural opportunity with our science curriculum so that students have a real world understanding that native species are affected by human behavior and how it is our responsibility to take care of our own backyard - the Manoa/Palolo Watershed that travels right next to our school. We also have an opportunity to teach others the importance of understanding and protecting our native species in a virtual wall. With our continued science conservation activities and understanding our unique Hawaiian environment our students will have an increased awareness and responsibility to take care of their local community and restore its unique habitat. Our Lower School campus was once part of an ancient taro patch at the base of an ahupua'a.







The first and fourth graders worked on the mural using laser cut all the shapes to create a virtual learning wall, a first of its kind. A HUGE MAHALO goes out to Ms. Jenna Tamashiro - 4th grade science teacher, Mrs. Kathe Warner - 1st grade science teacher, Mr. Gabriel Yanagihara - US Computer Science teacher, and Mr. Matt Dillon - Lower School Fab Lab teacher, in helping to create with over 300 students, faculty and families - our AHUPU'A of

DREAMS. There is an app and video to demonstrate students showing their ideas and drawings through the power of Augmented Reality. To view the Augmented Reality app and videos, install the "HP Reveal" app on iOS or Android and follow the user "iolanimural".

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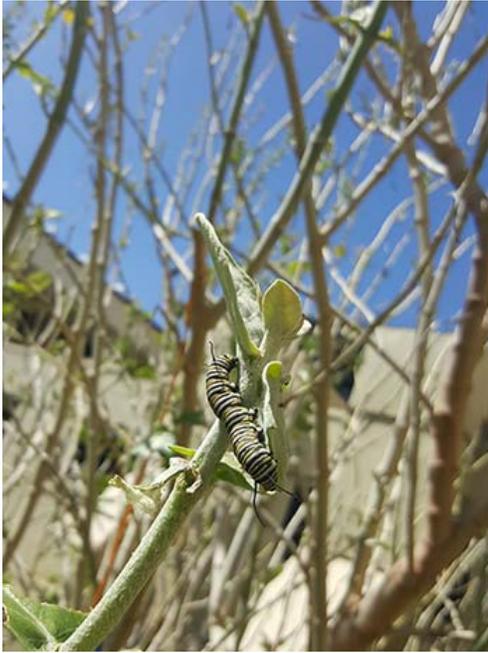
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Monarch Magic

The students of 3K have witnessed first hand over 200 caterpillars transform into bright green chrysalises in their cubbies, window ledges and doorway.

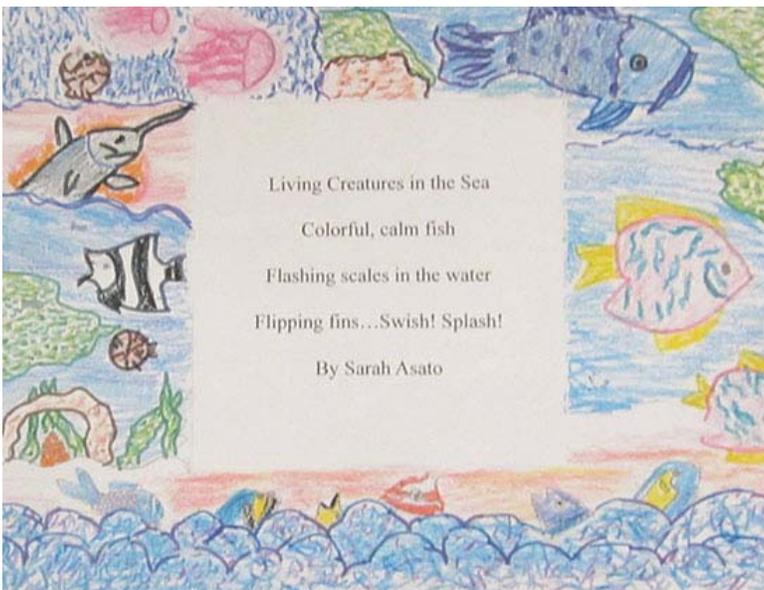
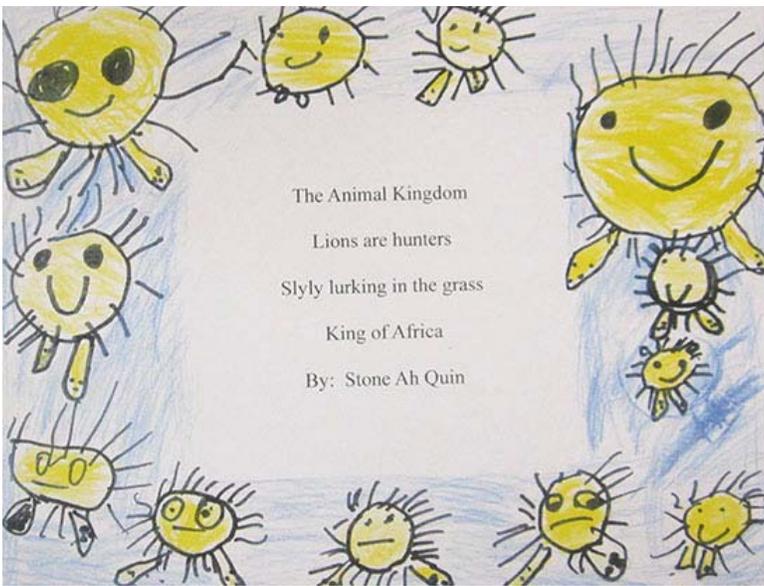


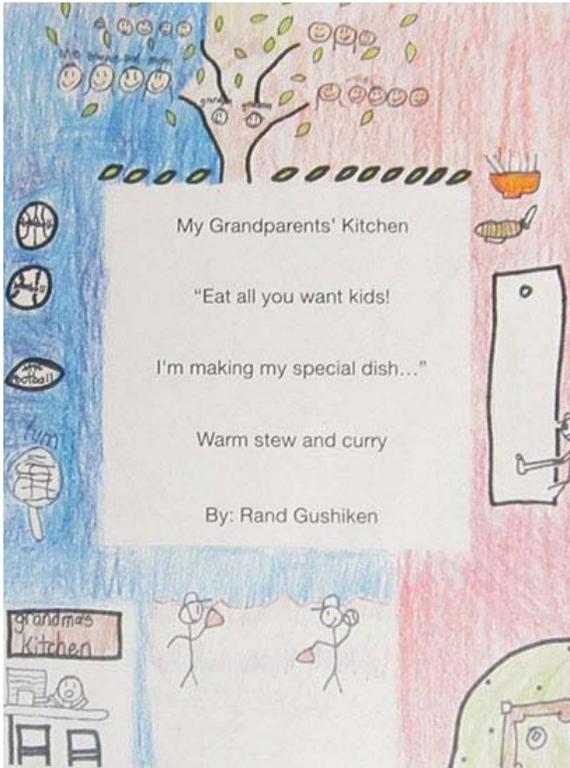


From their continued research on caterpillars, the third graders discovered that the beautiful gold flecks strategically placed around these chrysalises are oxygen portals that are essential in the development of the butterfly. The students also researched and created 3 butterfly gardens.

15th World Children's Haiku Contest

Every two years, JAL foundation sponsors the World Children's Haiku Contest. Children in Japan and around the world under the age of 15 are invited to submit their works composed of drawings and haiku. This year, 3 'Iolani students won for their haiku submissions. The winners were: Sarah Asato '27 (Living Creatures in the Sea), Rand Gushiken '27 (My Grandparents' Kitchen), and Stone Ah Quin '27 (The Animal Kingdom).





HAMLE Logo

Ashley Pang, '18, designed the new logo for the Hawaii Association of Middle Level Education (HAMLE), formerly known as Hawaii Association of Middle Schools (HAMS). Her new logo will appear across the state on t-shirts (the one pictured here), banners, signs, and all types of marketing materials.



Ashley's design was recently revealed at the Association of Middle Level conference at the Hawaii Convention Center. We are so proud of Ashley!

Tam Young Arts Chair

Dan Kelin from the Honolulu Theatre for Youth visited first graders during the week of February 12-16.

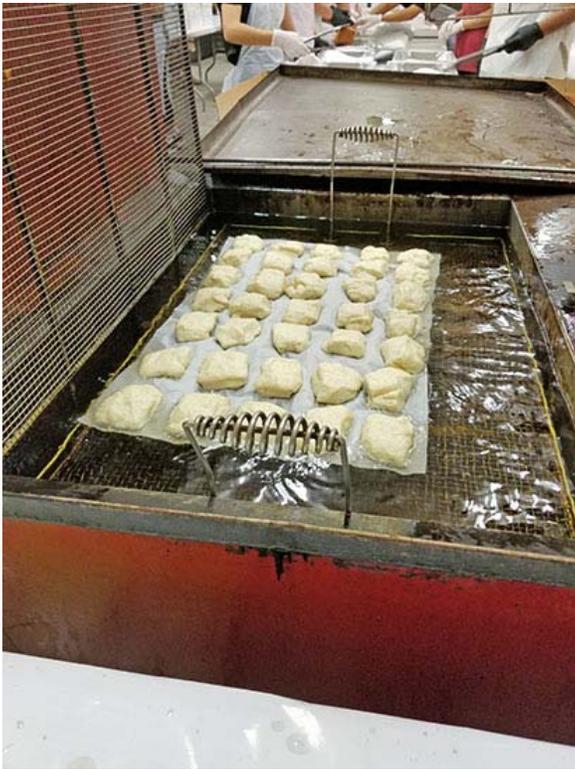


Sponsored by the 'Iolani Tam Young Arts Chair, he inspired students to explore other people's perspectives through the use of drama integration.

Fat Tuesday Malasada Sale

The Junior Class of 2019 got up in the wee hours of the morning to continue a yearly tradition of making malasadas for our Fat Tuesday Sale. Over 6,000 malasadas were made and sold! Mahalo to all the volunteers and everyone who purchased a dozen (or more)!







Don't forget to visit their booth at this year's Fair on April 20 & 21. Along with our traditional malasada and bubble tea, they will also debut a poi malasada and a sweet and spicy version!

2018 Keiki Great Aloha Run



On Saturday, over 150 'Iolani lower school students and parents participated in the 2018 Keiki Great Aloha Run, Honolulu's premiere kid-focused fun run that builds upon a shared vision for healthy, active kids.



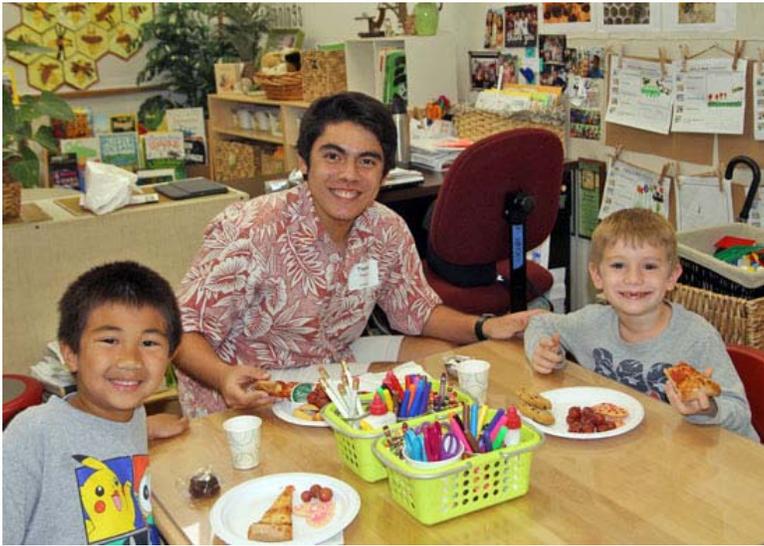
Upper School students came out to support the Lower School students by counting their steps for the [UNICEF's Kid Power Program](#).



Since October, Lower School students have accumulated approximately 236,000,000 steps toward their goal of 300,000,000. Each step unlocks funding for UNICEF to provide life-saving treatment for severely malnourished children around the world. The Lower School hopes to unlock \$5,000 in funding by May to help 83 children. If you'd like to support their effort, we'd love your help! All you need to do is count your daily steps and record them in our form: [Iolani UNICEF Kid Power Campaign](#).

Sons & Daughters Lunch

The annual Sons and Daughters of 'Iolani pizza lunch and play time with the kindergartners of the class of 2030 took place on Friday, February 9. The Sons and Daughters are the seniors from the class of 2018 who have attended 'Iolani for 13 years.





They love to talk story with the little ones, and climb onto the playground structure one last time. Some even can reminisce with their former kindergarten teacher. The event was as perfect as the weather, except that the seniors wanted to stay for nap time!

Wednesday, January 7: 2018 National Letter of Intent Signing Day





Quarterback Tai-John Mizutani '18 signed a National Letter of Intent to continue his football career at Central Washington University. Alex Liu signed an NLI to join the Loyola Marymount University Men's Soccer team as a midfielder.

Swimming & Diving State Championships

The 'Iolani Swimming and Diving team took fourth place at State Championships on Maui last weekend, just barely behind Mid-Pac!





Cheered on by their supporting families, the eight qualifying Raider divers had a banner year, sweeping the top three spots in the boys division! Freshmen Dyson Lee '21 took first and Aaron Kwok '21 second, while sophomore Culley Jones '20 earned third! Before this year, 'Iolani has never done better than one diver placing third. To round out the boys, Carter Tengan '20 placed ninth. On the girls' side, two made it to finals, Lauryn Takanishi '21 taking fifth and Nikki Nagata '20 taking seventh. Natalie Uhr '20 placed thirteenth and Kylee Takanishi '20 placed fourteenth. The one team spirit evident all season guided the competitors and contributed to their successes! All action photos were taken by Jack Jones '22.





'Iolani did incredibly well! They left their mark... especially because they are such a YOUNG team! Looking forward to next year!

'Iolani Surf Team

The 'Iolani Surf Team competed against Farrington High School this past weekend at Sandy Beach in event #4 of the HSA High School Surf Challenge (2/10/2018).



In the closest contest of the season, our boys and girls performed extremely well - many winning their shortboard, longboard, and bodyboard heats. Despite amazing performances by all, we lost by just one point. The entire team displayed amazing courage, humility, and the "One Team" spirit, which is far more important than winning. The next surf contest is scheduled for March 10th at Turtle Bay. Final Score: 'Iolani School 56.5, Farrington High School 57.5

Wrestling State Championship

Congratulations to Kaysen Takenaka '18, who won the HHSAA state wrestling championship in an extremely competitive boys 170-pound division.



That victory kept alive a streak of at least one Raider winning an individual state title since 2015. Brady Hoshino '21 (120 pounds) and Ka'ua Nishigaya '19 (132) also made it to the televised championship matches and finished as state runner-ups. On the girls side, Zoe Omura '21 led the way for 'Iolani, winning her third-place match at 97 pounds.

Boys Soccer State Championships

Our boys soccer team opened the HHSAA State Tournament last Monday with a 4-0 victory over Moanalua at home on Eddie Hamada Field. In the quarterfinals on Thursday, the Raiders were defeated by eventual state co-champion Hawaii Prep Academy, 2-1.





Our boys bounced back strong in the consolation bracket, beating OIA champion Kalani and Kapolei, both by 1-0 scores to finish in fifth place.

All the best in health and happiness,
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